(b) when the works will be started?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The question is receiving the consideration of Government.

b) When funds permit.

Tenders—Public Works Department.

76. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the average number of days for the last one year, intervening between the call for tenders of the Public Works Department in the Government Gazette and the final date fixed for the submission of the tenders ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The general rule is to allow about 10 days for submission of tenders.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I want to ask whether this has been acted up for the last one year invariably.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It has been acted up.

Concentration of land in the hands of a few.

77. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what forces are at work, contributing to the concentration of land in the hands of a few ;

(b) how the Government intend to counter-act the evil?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) The general economic laws of society.

(b) Lands are, when possible, set apart for assignment to the poorer classes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I want to ask whether we can have a socialistic state here if these economic laws can be overwhelmed.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It is not a supplementary question asking for information. It is discussion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—You could have answered like that. I want to ask whether it is not the capitalistic system that works the trouble.

President.—It is a matter of opinion. One Member may have one view and another a quite different view.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—But he is not answering my question.

President.—That is because it is a matter of opinion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Then he could have said like that.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Hon'ble Members must put the questions to the Chair. They cannot say 'He, He'.

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